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Applicants:	G.J. GORMLEY et al.
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For:	TRANSDERMAL TREATMENT WITH 5-ALPHA- REDUCTASE INHIBITORS ( <i>as amended</i> )

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
NEW GROUND OF REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1)

Sir:

This is in response to the Decision on Appeal, Appeal No. 2004-0543, raising a new ground of rejection under 37 CFR § 41.50(b), mailed December 29, 2004, having a February 28, 2005, response date.

Applicants have chosen to reopen prosecution and submit the present amendments to the claim pursuant 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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